

KARO-ECHO Membership Meeting

July 11, 2022

via Zoom

Attendees

Howdy Goudey	KE6BEE
Annette McCoubry	KJ6SWK
Tom Fattaruso	KN6BUY
Martha Richards	K6ELO
Curt Smith	KM6HFT
Don Simon	NI6A
Blake Yeaman	KN6CMP
Susan Yeaman	KN6CMR
Karen Leong Fenton	KK6ZPM
Jay Fenton	KJ6WSS
Rob McNicholas	K6RJM
Michael Gold	AJ6RZ
Peter Liddell	KJ6DYX
Lorraine Schnurr	KN6CRT

Agenda:

Call to order/logistics

- Introductions
- Approval of Minutes
- Approval of Agenda
- Treasurer's report

Training and Operations

- Field Day operation/logging primer/pep talk to motivate operators
- N3FJP logging software demo

New business

- ARRL Foundation Club Grant Program
 - Application by June 30

Old business

- Calendar of Events / 25th Anniversary
 - 2022 Field Day June 25
 - sign-up form
 - Field Day budget (food, signs, etc.)
- EC July 4th

- Another sign-up form
- MOU, no update

Outreach/PR/web

- KE hats/vests distribute/wear for Field Day

Tech./Infrastructure

- Any tech needs/support/ideas for Field Day
- New antenna/s and patch box/s, no progress

Elmering

- requests to elmer@karoecho.net

Neighborhood nets and Comm. hubs

- 1st Wed., reports

Adjourn

Meeting called to order.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the June membership meeting minutes.

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The treasurer's report was made, it was suggested to include an inventory of remaining KE hats and vests be included in the report.

Business session

Old business

Field Day

- Field Day was successful with more advanced PR resulting in more visitors, more EBARC participation, more contacts, and 1 new member.
- A suggestion was made to follow up on contacting FD visitors who signed in soon to let them know what KE offers. Some sign-ins were licensed and some not so the follow-up response would be different for both cases.
- We could send a survey questionnaire to licensed FD visitors to find out their interests and suggest that they listen in to the Thursday net.

El Cerrito July 4th

- The event was well attended with a different audience than Field Day.
- People who signed in were more likely to be beginners. If so and if they are interested, we could follow up and let them know about ham radio license study resources.

MOU

- We are still waiting for the new fire chief to sign the MOU.

New business/Calendar of events

National Night Out, Aug. 2nd

- Interested members will set up a radio for their neighborhood and be available for a demonstration contact on 146.415.
- GMRS radios or a repeater might be set up also.

Recognition for donations

- When we receive a donation to KE how should we recognise the gift?
 - A thank you card?
 - A notification on KE website? Some donors may wish to remain anonymous.

Chamber of Commerce letter

- At the El Cerrito 4th of July day a member of the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce told us he would like to include an article on KE in the CoC newsletter.
- Martha volunteered to contact the CoC member and organize the effort.

ARRL grant application

- Too many questions remained to try to get a grant application in by June 30 so we will wait for the September grant application time.
- We need to decide what we are asking for:
 - Antennas and patchboxes for El Cerrito and Kensington clubhouses?
 - Possibly funding for training because that is what the ARRL focuses on.

Outreach

- Following up with people who signed in at Field Day or 4th of July is currently the most important outreach task.

Technical/Infrastructure

- Are battery inspections being done? Are new replacement batteries needed in some locations? If needed, Howdy has a battery-under-load tester.
- Do we know if radios still exist in all expected locations?
- No work had been done on clubhouse antenna installations yet but recent donations could fund the materials.

Club QSL card

- A suggestion was made to design and have QSL cards printed for the club.

Training session

Digital

- A digital modes tutorial is planned for an upcoming membership meeting.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to adjourn the meeting.